

Agency 476

Growth Management Hearings Office**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	12.0	3,020		3,020
Total Maintenance Level	12.0	3,049		3,049
Difference		29		29
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	1.0%		1.0%
Performance Changes				
Connecting to the State Network		18		18
General Inflation		(7)		(7)
Caseload Increases		62		62
Subtotal		73		73
Total Proposed Budget	12.0	3,122		3,122
Difference		102		102
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	3.4%		3.4%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Environmental Dispute Resolution	12.0	3,122		3,122
Total Proposed Budget	12.0	3,122		3,122

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS**Connecting to the State Network**

The Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board will relocate to the General Administration Building on the Capitol Campus. In addition to office space, the Department of General Administration will provide all information technology (IT) support, such as connection to the state governmental network, local area network, desktop support, and IT portfolio support.

Caseload Increases

RCW 36.70A.130 (1) requires that all cities and counties in the state review, evaluate, and revise, if necessary, their natural resource lands designations and critical areas ordinances on a staggered schedule beginning in 2004. Additionally, counties and cities planning under the Growth Management Act must review, evaluate, and revise, if necessary, their comprehensive plans and development regulations. In the 2005-07 Biennium, the Central Growth Management Hearings Board anticipates a 158 percent increase in cases filed for review. An additional law clerk and other support services are required to ensure that the board is able to complete reviews in a timely fashion.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS**Environmental Dispute Resolution**

The state Growth Management Act of 1992 requires state and local governments to manage the state's growth by preparing comprehensive plans and implementing them through capital investments, land use, and natural resource regulations. The purpose of the three growth management hearings boards is to resolve environmental disputes that arise from implementing components of this law.